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HAVING ENHANCED DISPERSIBILITY IN AQUEOUS MEDIA

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111 AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail. Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the nonfinal Action mailed from the PTO on June 30, 2004. A two-month extension of time is requested, and our Deposit Account No. 18-0580 may be charged therefor.

The **Listing of the Claims** begins on page 2 of this document. No claim amendments have been made.

Remarks are set forth on page 36 of this document.

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